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**Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Cortese and Councilmember Nguyen
To Hold Signing Ceremony to Show Support for House Resolution 243**

Event: Mayor Chuck Reed, Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, and Councilmember Madison Nguyen will hold a signing ceremony in support of House Resolution 243, which calls for the release of political and religious prisoners, and deplores the violations of free speech, religion and lack of due process in Vietnam.

When: **Signing Ceremony -Friday May 25, 2007**
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara St.
City Hall Wing Room 120

Who: Mayor Chuck Reed
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese
Councilmember Madison Nguyen

Background: Mayor Chuck Reed, Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, and Councilmember Madison Nguyen will sign letters of support for House Resolution 243, which condemns and deplores the arrests of Father Nguyen Van Ly, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and Le Quoc Quan by the Government of Vietnam and calls for their unconditional release. The letters from the three elected officials reiterate support for House Resolution 243 and share the concerns of the San José Vietnamese community in seeking the release of these four prisoners.

The House of Representatives recently passed House Resolution 243 with 404-0 voice vote. For a full copy of House Resolution 243 please visit:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?c110:1:/temp/~c110Sk1pA5::>